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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO TIME TO SUBMIT REPLY BRIEF

This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period 3 months reply to the Examiner's Answer in the appeal of this application before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Examiner's answer was mailed on March 8, 2006. The extension requested in this petition would expire on June 8, 2006. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$200.00 in accordance with 37 CFR 117(g).

The inventor and attorney in this matter are working diligently to complete a reply to the Examiner's answer in this case. Scheduling difficulties have hampered our efforts to complete the review of the examiner's answer and to prepare a substantive reply within the allowed time. The importance of this application requires the best efforts we can produce. We are confident that the reply response will be completed and filed before the end of the requested extension period.

Respectfully submitted,

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